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Property crime in Didsbury up over 2012 numbers

BY PAUL FREY
 MVP Staff

Personal crimes went down in Didsbury significantly in 2013 compared to 2012, while property-related crimes increased last year from 2012.

That finding among others was shared with town council during council's committee of the whole meeting on Feb. 11. Sgt. Jeff Jacobson of the Didsbury RCMP shared the information with councillors as part of a report comparing community crime statistics in 2013 with similar numbers from a year earlier.

There were 64 personal crimes including assaults, harassment and threats in 2013 compared to 93 in 2012.

Break and enters increased in 2013 to 21 from 13 the previous year, while both theft over \$5,000 and theft under \$5,000 increased as well. There were 19 theft over \$5,000 occurrences in 2013 compared to 12 the previous year and there were 93 theft under \$5,000 occurrences in 2013, compared to 67 in 2012.

In an interview following the meeting, Jacobson said the downward trend in persons crimes was a good indication that Didsbury is remaining a fairly safe community.

"It was a positive sign to see persons crimes in Didsbury decrease," he said.

But property crimes are something that both the police and the public need to remain vigilant about, he said.

"Thefts, break and enters all increased over the prior year," he said, noting that a few individuals are likely responsible for the majority of property crimes.

Locking doors and keeping valuables out of sight can decrease the likelihood that a



Noel West/MVP Staff

MUSH! • Instructor Rajia Easterbrook, left works with Deb Steiger and her standard poodle on the race course during the Rosebud Run Learn to Skijor clinic at the course on Feb. 8. For more see page 6.

vehicle will get rummaged through or stolen, Jacobson said. He added that thefts from garages and storage sheds can similarly be thwarted by locking buildings as well, deterring prowlers from happening on an easy target.

"If property is secured, it won't get targeted," he said.

In 2013, there were 53 reports of municipal bylaw infractions compared to 77 in 2012. Most of those instances related to after-hours noise complaints. There was one charge that resulted from the calls generated, while there were five charges that related to bylaw complaints in 2012.

Impaired driving charges were down to six from 12 in 2012, while there were five roadside suspensions handed out in 2013 compared to 16 in 2012. Hit-and-run collisions were up almost double to 26 from 14 in 2012. Despite the unreported collisions, police were able to find the perpetra-

tors in 33 per cent of the cases due to tips from the public and area repair shops.

Vehicle collisions increased slightly to 69 in 2013 from 63 in 2012. Most of the collisions were a result of reversing unsafely, parking lot collisions and drivers going too fast for road conditions.



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Town council discusses financing of police

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

While service calls to the Didsbury RCMP went down four to five per cent within the community in 2013 compared to 2012, town councillors and staff are wondering whether enhanced policing to tackle more community-oriented

crimes could be beneficial.

Sgt. Jeff Jacobson presented statistics to councillors at the committee of the whole meeting on Feb. 11 showing that while crimes such as assault, harassment and other persons crimes dropped to 64 from 93 in 2012, property-related

crimes such as break and enters and thefts increased.

There were 21 break and enters in 2013 compared to 13 in 2012, while there were 112 thefts under \$5,000 and over \$5,000 combined in 2013 compared to 79 in 2012.

While Jacobson told councillors that enhanced policing

has worked well in Carstairs in the last two years, it costs the municipality roughly \$143,000 per extra member to put out on the street.

"There is a benefit to us, but there is a cost," Jacobson said, adding that officials in the Town of Carstairs thought the benefits outweighed the cost.

Asked by Roy Brown, Didsbury's chief administrative officer, if there were statistics available to prove the benefit of enhanced policing, Jacobson said the statistics are difficult to bolster any one claim.

He said while Carstairs saw an increase in the num-

ber of crimes, that was at least partly attributable to having more resources at hand; it didn't necessarily mean that the more police there are, the less crime there is.

Jacobson said that since Didsbury is likely to go over the 5,000-resident threshold when the next federal census is taken in 2016, the town would then have to pay for policing.

It costs roughly \$143,000 per officer to put police into the community, Jacobson said. If the town were to go over the 5,000-population threshold in 2016, it would begin paying the full cost of policing in 2018.

"That has been on

our radar for a while now. We have been looking at that and preparing for that. We would have that two-year window," said Coun. Gail Nowlan, the town's deputy mayor, following the presentation.

Nowlan said that while there is a benefit to having enhanced policing available in Didsbury, there is also a significant cost. It's something the current council hasn't discussed at this point. She said the town has been adding to its general reserves for the time when Didsbury will need to pay for policing costs.

"It's definitely a balance," she said.

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Study of high-speed rail in Alberta

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Please note: all submissions/presentations and the identities of the authors/presenters will be made public. For more information regarding the Committee's review of high-speed rail please visit the website at:

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Tuesday, March 25 at 7:00 pm

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING: Tuesday, March 11 at 7:00 pm.

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION: Wednesday, March 12 at 4:30 pm.

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held in Council Chambers at the Town Office.

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Town to study wastewater issue following presentation

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

Town officials will be investigating the way wastewater is charged following a presentation by Tanas Concrete at the town's committee on Feb. 11.

Josh Tanasiychuk, president of the company, said he was frustrated by not being able to attend the last meeting of Jan. 28 to explain his company's position. The

company owes \$9,434 in incorrectly billed water charges and \$3,237 in wastewater charges. Tanasiychuk said he doesn't dispute the water charges the company owes, but he does dispute the outstanding wastewater charges.

Tanasiychuk said the company typically uses about 175 cubic metres of water for every cubic metre of concrete it produces, but none of that water goes into the wastewater system.

"It's a significant issue for us," he said, noting that the company's head office is in Didsbury and it wants to be a good corporate citizen. He told councillors that Tanas Concrete would like to install a wastewater meter so it can accurately track how much wastewater it actually consumes and is responsible for paying for.

He said the intention of going before council wasn't to try to get out of paying a bill, but rather

to make council aware of how the company uses water and to make sure the town is accurately billing the company for the water and wastewater it does use.

He said both the cities of Red Deer and Edmonton have wastewater bylaws that allow for differing user rates for commercial and residential wastewater. He suggested that council possibly study those municipalities' bylaws and see if the town might want to implement a similar bylaw. He also said most ready-mix concrete companies have access to both metered water and well water.

"I know it's been successful in other municipalities (in resolving the issue)," he said. "We're not asking for something new here. We're not a pioneer."

Following the meeting, Deputy Mayor Gail Nowlan said the presentation gave town officials something to think about.

"I think they did a great presentation of giving us examples of bylaws that are written ... so there's some flexibility with that. This has come up numerous times, not

by Tanas, but by different residents and different groups talking about how all the water they use doesn't necessarily go into the wastewater system. So

it's been something we have reviewed before and something we've looked at, so I think it's good it's come up again and we can have a fresh look at that," she said.



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Josh Tanasiychuk, president of Tanas Concrete, went before town council at its committee of the whole meeting to explain his company's position in light of wastewater charges the town recently charged the company for.



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Committee could be struck to look at council pay

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

Town council is considering establishing a committee to look at whether council members should get pay adjustments for representing the town.

The issue was brought forward at council's committee of the whole meeting on

Feb. 11.

Currently, the mayor is paid \$1,575 per month while the deputy mayor is paid \$1,030 and councillors \$903 per month. In a June 2013 report to council, administration recommended councillor salaries be increased to \$1,000 per month and councillors get a \$275-per

diem rate for full-day meetings and a \$175-per diem rate for a half-day meeting.

The current rates were established following the 2010 municipal election. Didsbury falls below the average paid to councillors in Olds, Sundre, Carstairs, Crossfield, Three Hills and Blackfalds, according to administration. The mayor is paid an average of \$1,584 per month in those communities, while the deputy mayor is paid an average of \$1,042 per month and councillors get a stipend of \$1,064 per month.

Councillors are due to discuss establishing a three-person arm's-length committee to establish new remuneration rates at the Feb. 25 council meeting.



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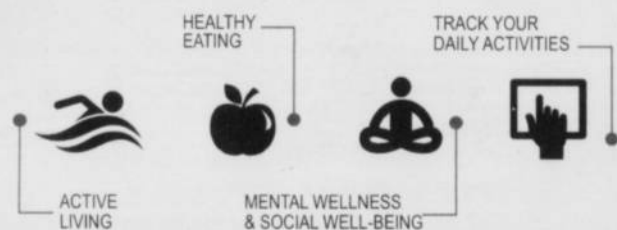
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Skijoring clinic draws people out to Rosebud Park



Photos by Noel West

TOP LEFT: Nancy Harland attaches Malamutes to a rope line during the Rosebud Run Learn to Skijor Clinic on Feb. 8. TOP RIGHT: Raija Easterbrook takes a dog out of its kennel. BELOW LEFT: A participant gets towed by his husky on the race course. BELOW CENTER: Some of the snowshoes that were available for people to try out. BELOW RIGHT: A group of Samoyed dogs wait for their turn to run the course. BOTTOM: Riders try out the course.



BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

About a dozen people came out on February 8 and 9 to Rosebud Park to learn the art of skijoring — being harnessed and pulled by dogs while on skis.

The event was organized by the Rosebud Run Sled Dog Society and was part of a larger two-day open house to familiarize people with the park and the types of activities that can be done at the park. The park features 4.8 kilometres of trails and 1.2 kilometres of trails that were used for the skijoring clinic.

The clinic was instructed by Raija Easterbrook, a top skijorer on the western Canadian circuit who started in the sport about five years ago. As she got involved in the sport, Easterbrook said she found she liked it and wanted to go faster. The first race she entered was at Rosebud Park in 2011, and from that point on, Easterbrook said she was hooked on the sport.

Easterbrook, from Invermere, B.C., said the clinic was a good opportunity for people to come out, enjoy some exercise and participate in an activity that helps

both them and their dogs stay healthy. It was also an opportunity for people to get comfortable on skis.

"This was a beginning class but I'm sure even more experienced people would get something from it," she said.

She said the sport is also a good training tool for dogs because after the exercise they get, they are too tired to misbehave.

Lance Sheppard was one of the participants who took in the instruction. Although his wife Cheryl is an experienced sled dog racer, Sheppard said the clinic was good for novices like him. He

said he found working in tandem with the dogs

"This was a beginning class but I'm sure even more experienced people would get something from it."

RAIJA EASTERBROOK
Skijoring instructor

the most difficult part of the experience.

"I thought it was going to be worse," he said.

"But it's really not so bad. You get the hang of it."

Bill Windsor, president of the Rosebud Run Sled Dog Society, said the clinic was a good opportunity for people to come out and see what the facility has to offer.

"The whole idea of the skijoring is you can do it with one dog or any number of dogs and get some exercise," he said.

The sport is quite popular in Europe, especially in Scandinavian countries.

"(It's popular) in some areas in Ontario and the Interior of B.C. Albertans haven't

really caught on (to the sport) but clinics like this help," Windsor said, noting that because the racer isn't attached to a sled like in sled dog racing, balance is an even more important factor.

The Rosebud Run Sled Dog Society has been operating for seven years. It has 23 members who use the trails out at the park on a regular basis. It operates the park on a year-round basis and hosts four sled dog races throughout the year, as well as a training session for people to become trained in Viking re-enactments. It also hosts two disc dog competitions each year.

100. Obituaries 100. Obituaries

Jeanette Elizabeth Bates
April 1931 - January 2014

With deep sadness, the family announces the passing of our dear Mother, Jeanette Bates, who passed away in her home on January 31, 2014 at the age of 82. She joins her beloved husband John and is survived by her two children, Carol Sawatzky (Vern) of Stony Plain, Alberta, and Stuart Bates of Didsbury, Alberta. Mom will be dearly missed every day and loved forever in our hearts and memories. As per Mom's wishes, no service will be held. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be made to the Salvation Army.

Mahood

Mary Elizabeth Mahood (Robinson) went peacefully to be with her Savior February 9, 2014. She was born in Calgary to and Frank and Muriel Robinson on February 3, 1928. She was predeceased by her older brother Billy (who died as a flight engineer in WW2) and her brother George. Mary grew up and attended schools in the Calgary area graduating from Western Canada High School. After a brief career in the banking industry, she attended school in Briarcrest College in Saskatchewan where she met her husband, Bill Mahood. They married in 1953 and spent the first part of their life in Blue River and Quesnel, B.C. after which they located to Calgary, Carstairs and Cochrane, raising their family there. They enjoyed their last years in Osoyoos, B.C. and Didsbury involved in ministry and retirement activities. She shared her life with her husband in the dairy business and also in church ministry. Left to mourn are her husband, Bill Mahood, and her four children Jeanette Ventimiglia and husband, Lee, Mark and wife, Sara, Ken and wife, Diane, and Kathy Schulz and husband, Steve. Mary was the grandmother of 14 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Mary valued relationship; she was a friend to many. She so enjoyed laughter and a great chat. It was rare to see her with others in a somber mood. She was a confidante to many and also a woman of prayer, both for her family and those around her. Even after developing dementia in her last years she retained a sharp wit and eye for the incongruities and joy for the moment. We will all miss the care, friendship and merry spirit of our Mary Mahood. Interment will be held on Saturday February 22, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at the Didsbury Cemetery. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church, Didsbury. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be made to Wycliffe Bible Translators at www.wycliffe.ca/

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**HAGEL, Rita Alice (née Robb)**
May 20, 1943-February 13, 2014

Rita Hagel, loving mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, sister and friend, passed away on February 13, 2014 at the age of 70 years in Didsbury, AB.

Rita is survived by her three children, Dallas Hagel (Angela) of Calgary, Scott Hagel (Debra) of Stony Plain, and Alana Gibson (Alastair) of Didsbury; her grandchildren, Kylee and Carter Hagel of Stony Plain and Charlotte, Elizabeth and Amelia Gibson of Didsbury; her sisters Irene (Andy) Nakaska and Ann Parks, her mother-in-law Irena Hagel, her sister-in-law Bonnie Robb, her extended family and numerous friends, nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her husband Alan in 2008, her parents Henry and Alice Robb and brother Richard Robb.

Rita married Alan Hagel from Beiseker on May 28, 1966 and lived in and around Beiseker until 2008 when she moved to Didsbury.

Rita initially moved into the Town of Didsbury but did not like living in Town; after all, she had lived in the country almost her whole life. In 2011, Rita moved into a "Granny Suite" in the country and enjoyed her last years in the wide, open space. Rita's biggest joy in life were her grandchildren - she had great aspirations to see them all graduate and although she fought a great fight, she wasn't able to fulfill that wish.

A special thank you to Dr. Jackson and the Health Care staff at the Didsbury Hospital. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation or the Alberta Cancer Foundation.

A Memorial Service will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Beiseker, 434-2nd Avenue, on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 11:00 am. Graveside service to follow at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Beiseker.

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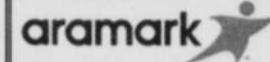
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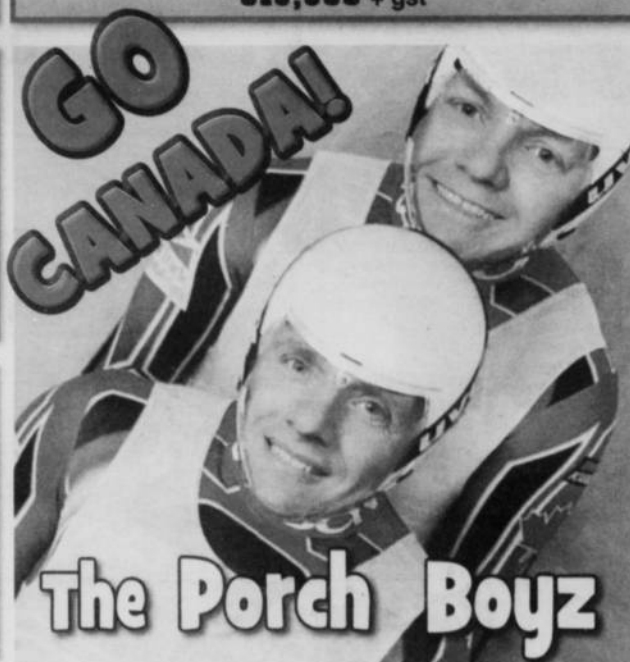
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